

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for controlling scanning devices using control sheets, comprising:

starting an imaging job having multiple sheets, wherein at least one sheet is a control sheet containing only a control image and there is only one control sheet containing operating instructions per imaging job;

locating the control image on the control sheet within said imaging job, wherein the control sheet could be located in a position other than at a first page of the imaging job;

processing control instructions from said control image; and

creating output in accordance with said control instructions.

2. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said imaging job is an image acquisition task.

3. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said imaging job is an image production task.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said control image is in machine-readable format.

5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said control image is text.

6. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said control image is numbers.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said method includes locating a second control image containing control information other than operating instructions on a second control sheet containing only the second control image for the same imaging job and processing the second control image.

8. (currently amended) A method for controlling imaging devices using control sheets, the method comprising:

starting an imaging job having multiple sheets, wherein at least one sheet is a control sheet containing only control information, and there is only one control sheet containing operating instructions for the imaging job;

locating a control image on the control sheet within said imaging job, wherein the control sheet could be located in a position other than a first page of the imaging job;

creating output for said imaging job; and

processing control instructions from said control image and using said control instructions for managing said output.

9. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein said imaging job is an image acquisition task.

10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein said imaging job is an image production task.

12. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said control image is in machine-readable format.

13. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said control image is text.

14. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said control image is numbers.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 8 wherein said method includes locating a second control image on a second control sheet containing information other than operating instructions for the same imaging job and processing said second control image.